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Brookhaven selected as Tree City USA community National recognition for commitment to public trees

Brookhaven, GA, March 6, 2014: The City of Brookhaven has been named a <u>Tree City USA</u> community by the Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of its commitment to caring for and managing its public trees.

"We are very pleased to be recognized nationally for the way Brookhaven respects its beautiful tree canopy," said Mayor J. Max Davis. "As a new city, we are very grateful to our residents who have nurtured our trees through all the years, and we will continue to honor that tradition."

The national Tree City USA program recognizes cities and towns across America that meet certain requirements, which include the establishment of a tree board or department, a community tree ordinance, specific spending levels for urban forestry and planned Arbor Day celebrations.

There are 138 Tree Cities in Georgia. Nationwide, more than 3,400 Tree City USA communities serve as home to more than 135 million Americans.

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Cutline for attached photo: Brookhaven City Arborist Kay Evanovich, center, receives Tree City USA Community recognition from Arbor Day Foundation President, Dan Lambe, left, and Georgia Forestry Commission Director, Robert Farris, right

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